

# Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

*Washington, D. C.,*

May 14

, 1889.

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Superintendent U. S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

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Please instruct the engraver to do away with the collar and neckcloth, so as to conform to the mint head, but to improve the portraiture from the larger medallion, if possible.

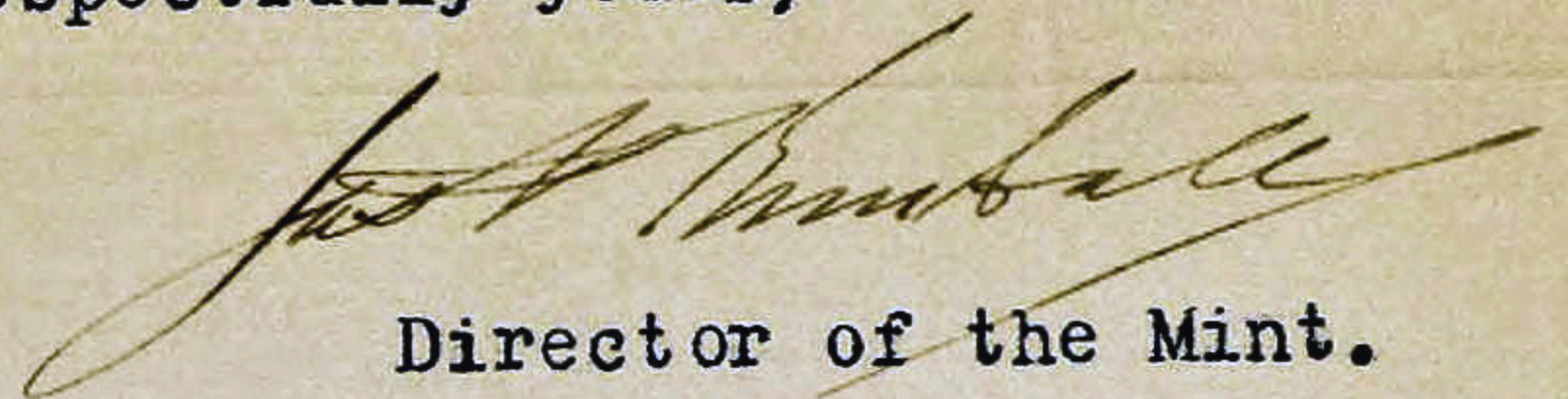
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rust; and a copy of the same die would answer for a medal.

The die could then be mounted as a seal. I suppose this would be easier to do than to cut an intaglio in brass.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Mudd", written in dark ink.

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